GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT/ PRODUCTION OF TEA
Sarvey Shri Sathyanarayana

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the tea imported for re-export is according to the standards set by the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act and Rules;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the adequate measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) : The Tea (Distribution and Export) Control Order, 2005 has been issued by the Government prescribing strict norms for tea and stipulating that all teas, whether imported or exported, are required to conform to the specifications prescribed in the order which are in conformity with standards prescribed by the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act.

(c) : In order to ensure the quality of tea, the Tea (Distribution and Export) Control Order 2005, empowers the officials of the Board or any inspection agency duly approved/authorized by Tea Board to draw samples from tea consignments for purpose of ascertaining its conformity with the standars of quality of tea stipulated in the said Order. By these measures, the export/ import of quality tea is ensured.